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## **Confirmed Rabies Case, First in 2020**

On January 24, 2020, Henrico Police Animal Protection responded to the 7800 block of Meherrin Road in the Tuckahoe District for a rabies exposure. It was reported to officers that a dog had fought with a raccoon in the owner's yard. The injured raccoon escaped and died from its injuries on an adjoining property.

The raccoon was recovered and submitted to the State Lab for rabies testing. The raccoon tested positive. The dog that was involved received rabies boosters and will be quarantined at the owner's home. There were no additional animal or human exposures reported. This is the first confirmed rabies case in Henrico County in 2020.

Henrico Police Animal Protection reminds everyone to be sure to keep their pets' rabies vaccinations current to ensure the safety of their pets and our community. Please report abnormal wildlife behavior and any possible rabies exposures to the Henrico Police Non-Emergency Communications Center at (804) 501-5000.

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